



The Messenger

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It was a beautiful September day to welcome the newest member of our Church Family at our Lake Lure Beach Sunday service. Well Remi Ward to your church family.



[Ephesians 4:5](#) - One Lord, one faith, one baptism



To see more pictures, please visit our website.

Involving the children in Church activities is important to us and celebrating their accomplishments brings us great joy!

Emma, who discovered sewing by working with the Bare Necessities Group, took sewing lessons from a parishioner and then entered her change purse in the 6-8 year old Sewn Accessories competition at the Mountain State Fair. She won First Place and Best in Show. **Congratulations Emma!**



To see more pictures, please visit our website.

The Transfiguration Church Women (TCW) became Project Linus Blanketeers at their September meeting. Project Linus, a national non-profit organization, donates handmade blankets to children in crisis. The blankets are distributed in Western NC.

Bare Necessities Update

While the majority of our kits have gone internationally with missionaries, we strive to keep two kits at any given time at HNGO. In our two years, Bare Necessities has provided 15 diapers kits locally. Last week, Mary Stroman called and asked for two more kits to stock at HNGO. When I dropped them off, one of the volunteers shared this story:



A mother came in asking for diapers. She was told they didn't have any, but had she ever considered cloth diapers. After showing her the kit, the volunteer said the client cried, saying "God bless you. Please tell them thank you. This is a huge difference in mine and my babies life."

The volunteer was in tears, and so was I.

Thanks to all the hard work from folks at home and at the workdays, we were able to send 35 diaper kits and 47 feminine hygiene kits out in August! These went with the Sisters of Mercy medical mission team to Haiti. We have supported this group on several trips to various countries.

In October we will be sending 31 feminine hygiene and 40 diaper kits to Children of the Promise. This is the organization Kathy Boff and Laura Shields did their mission trip to in January. Agape Air in Venice Florida is a non profit organization that flies supplies to Haiti for Children of the Promise. Agape Air is located within an hour of where Wes and Laura will be vacationing in October and they will be dropping off the kits then.

We will be meeting **Wednesday, October 5 from 3:30-6:30** to assemble these kits.

Please join us November 16 at 5pm for light refreshments and social to thank you all for your hard work on this ministry that reaches so near and so far.

Bare Necessities will not meet in December.

Thank you!



Events for October

TCW Meetings

That is our ECW!

2nd Tuesday of the month.

Meeting at 12:30

Bring a bag lunch

Oct 11, Nov 8



M & M

Mature and Motivated

Join us for games, exercise, yoga, and a lot of laughter and fun.

Third Wednesday

1:00 - 3:00

Oct 19

Firewood Ministry

Every Monday at 9 a.m.

Cutting and delivering firewood to those in need

Call Wes for more information



Bare Necessities Group

First Wednesday of the month

3:30 - 6:30 in the Parish Hall

All are welcome

Oct 5, Nov 2



Vestry Meetings

Second Wednesday of the month

12:30 in the Parish Hall

All are welcome

Oct 12, Nov 9

Wed. Night Covered Dish Dinner

The last Wed. of each month at 5:30

Bible Studies

Adult Bible Study - Sundays

Studying the book of Titu



Game Day at M&M event in Sept.

Save the date!

Baby shower for Lauren & Casey Ward (baby Remi)

Monday, November 14

Organized by Megan Medina & Laura Shields

Details coming soon...



TCW gave Program at Potluck.



Fr. Wes Shields

Rector Corner...

I have been thinking lately about the importance of gratitude and how it affects every aspect of our lives. Are we thankful for what we have, or always wanting more? Do we appreciate what others have to offer us, or are we constantly looking at their shortcomings? The way we interpret the events of life affect our overall opinion of our own life and our future. I saw a story a while back that I want to share with you.

Daily Discipline of Gratitude

In 2008 a young Australian woman, Hailey Bartholomew, found that she wasn't enjoying life. She described herself as feeling lost and stuck on a treadmill. It was almost inexplicable. She was married to a man she loved and had beautiful children who held her heart. So why was she feeling so down about her life? Hailey sought the counsel of a nun, who advised her to spend time each day reflecting on something for which she was grateful. Hailey began a project called "365grateful". Every day she took a photograph of something for which she was grateful.

It changed her life, for it allowed her to see things she had never noticed. Hailey had always thought of her husband as unromantic. One day she took a picture of him serving up dinner, the thing which she was grateful for that day. She noticed for the first time that the largest portion of pie was placed on her plate. She realized that the largest portion was always placed on her plate and that this was one small but profound way her husband showed his care for her. Hailey had found mothering a "boring job", but as she took photos of her children holding out their hands to her, playing and exploring, she discovered how much joy and wonder there was in her world. Through the art of gratitude Hailey found herself lifted out of her rut and celebrating life.

Mrs. Bartholomew's life wasn't the first thing to change. It was her perception and appreciation of her life that changed and ultimately led real changes in her world. As Christians we are called to hope. To trust in a future that has purpose and meaning. To trust ultimately in God's goodness. As Paul says, "If Christ is for us, who can be against us?" If our lives are rooted in Christ then we are filled with hope and tomorrow's hope grows in the fertile soil of today's gratitude.



Rotation Schedule for 10 am Services

Oct 2 Susan & Marshall Brooks



Oct 9 Veryle Lynn & Blaine Cox

Oct 16 Connie & Don Connell

Oct 23 Whitney & Tim Turner II

Oct 30 Alice Garrard & Danny Holland



Oct 2 Harriet & Robert Taylor

Oct 9 Alice Garrard & Danny Holland

Oct 16 Michele Y & Patrick W

Oct 23 Wendy F. & Barbara M.

Oct 30 Gary S. & Linda M.



Oct 2 Dawn M

Oct 9 Mike M.

Oct 16 Dave S.

Oct 23 Dawn M.

Oct 30 Chuck H.



Oct 2 Nancy McNary & Harriet Taylor

Oct 9 Harriet Taylor & Julie M.

Oct 16 Julie M & Tim Turner II

Oct 23 Chuck Hailey & Jack Stanier

Oct 30 Chuck Watkins & Mike Boff

Oct 2 Wendy F.



Oct 9 Chuck Hailey

Oct 16 Veryle Lynn Cox

Oct 23 Robert T.

Oct 30 Harriet T.

Saturday, October 8th at 9:30 am

Sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside the office.

Thanks.



October

03 - Laura Shields

04 - Michelle Larzaiere

06 - Danny Holland

07 - David Efirm

11 - Anne Hinton

16 - Kylaia Taylor

26 - Michele Yackel

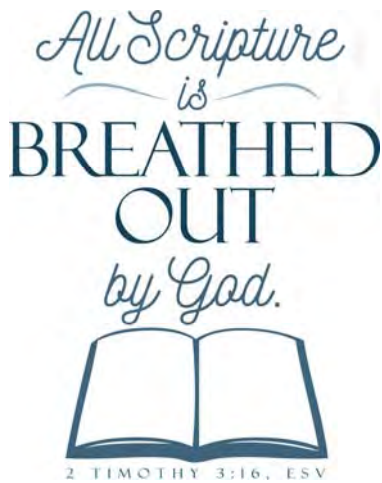
28 - Cody Shields

31 - Russell Anders



October

05 - Ackie & JoAnne Okpych



Please pray for members who are in the hospital and who are sick.

Shane Maxwell Banks,
Susan Brown, Lee Butler,
Monica Ferguson, Margaret
Hodge, Nancy Long,



Gertrude, Ackie Okpych, Ellie Osborn, Chelsea
Parks, Jim Stanier, Stacey Weaver, Bertha Whitt,
JoAnne Woodcock, Brian Daniels, Robert Ell,
Steve Hailey, Zee Woodcock, Rick Metcalf, Jacob
Chalker, Steve Ruddy, Sam Thompson, George
King, Thomas Stroud, Sylvia Mariani, Anne Hinton,
Marty Taylor, Kaitlyn McElreath, Evelyn Barry,
Lauren Jones, Linda White, Eddie Gaines, Barbara
Freeman, Barbara Meliski, Jim Proctor, Kirk Gay,
and Dorothy Hailey, Sam Fine, Mark Goodson,
Nathaniel Smith, Roberta Smith, Holly, Sherwood
& Daisy Nye, and Evan Hays, Lynn Morehead,
Rebecca La Breche, Betty Zieger, Curt Ledford,
Jennifer Whiteside, Brenda Parks

Please pray for our men and women in the military and those serving in other areas of conflict. / Daniel Crane, Ralph Salamone, Hamilton, Jordan, Hunter Fitzpatrick, Benjamin St. Pierre & Zach Poole.



This is your newsletter, so please share your photos and stories by sending them to

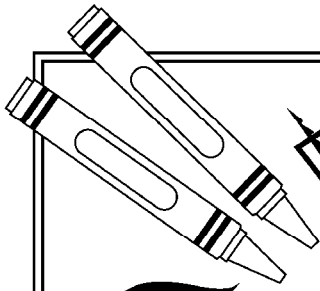
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The Messenger's next deadline will be

October 25 2016

Thanks, mary ann





PUZZLE

Friends in the Lord

Jesus offers a perfect example of friendship. What does he do for his friends?

Directions: Follow the clues to fill in the blanks. Then write the completed Bible verse below.

1. Better than; rhymes with *crater*: _____

2. Opposite of hate: _____

3. Opposite of yes: _____

4. Three minus two: _____

5. Not _____ but that; rhymes with *hiss*: _____

6. To place something down; rhymes with *say*: _____

7. Opposite of up: _____

8. Opposite of death: _____

9. Best buds: _____

“ _____ has _____

_____ than _____: to _____

one’s _____ for one’s _____.”

JOHN 15:13, NIV



Answer: “Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” John 15:13, NIV



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Weekly Services

Holy Eucharist: Sundays 8:00 am and 10:00 am

Holy Eucharist and Healing: Wednesdays 10:00 am

Bible Study:

Sundays 9:00 am & Wednesdays 11:00 am

Choir Rehearsal: Sunday 9:15 am